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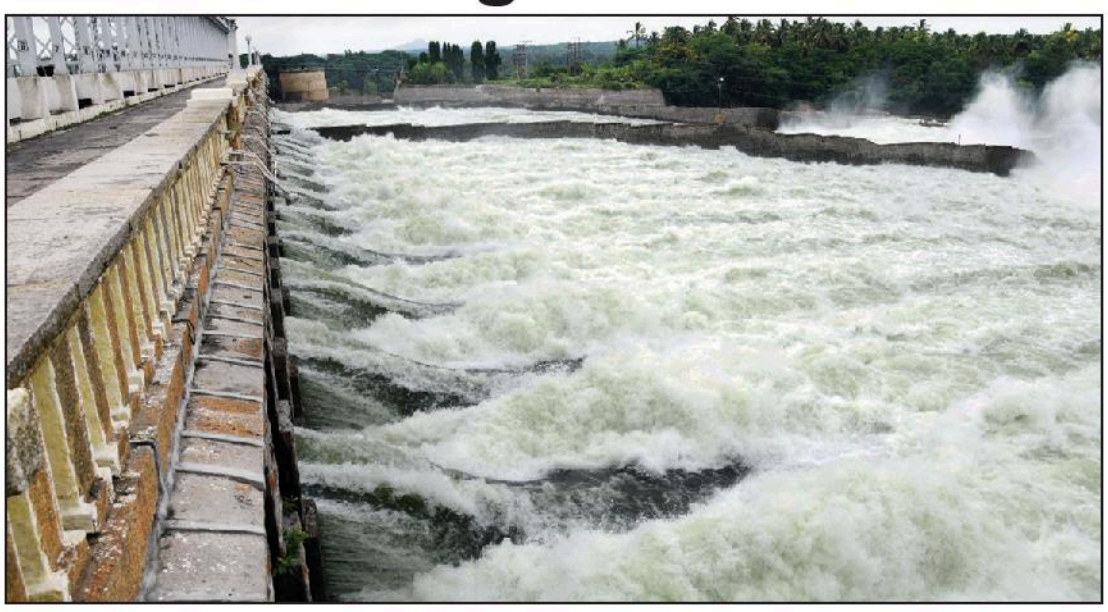

Following heavy inflow of water to KRS reservoir, the CNNL authorities released 30,000 cusecs of water from the dam this afternoon. *[Pic by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Mysuru / Mandya, June 25 (MTY&BCT)- With heavy rains lashing the Cauvery River Basin and catchment areas of Kodagu, water release from KRS Dam stood at 30,000 cusecs this afternoon. It is likely to go up to 50,000 cusecs, as inflow continues to rise steadily.

As of this morning, inflow into the dam ranged between 18,300 and 20,315 cusecs. The inflow was 31,000 cusecs when we went to Press and is expected to increase further. Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) has cautioned that outflow levels may be raised again, depending on the intensity of rainfall.

Residents in low-lying areas along riverbanks are urged to remain alert and take precautions to protect their property.

(See WATER on page 7)

Historic AX-4 Mission lifts off

Gp. Capt. Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian in space in 40 years, will be first ever at ISS

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla *(second from left)* ***is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Tibor Kapu (Hungary), astronaut Peggy Whitson (USA), Sławosz Uznański (Poland) before the launch at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, USA, this morning.***

Florida, June 25 (Agencies)- Carrying the hopes and dreams of billions, the Axiom-4 (AX-4) Mission, piloted by Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, along with three other crew members — veteran astronaut Peggy Whitson (USA), Polish engineer Sławosz Uznański and Hungarian researcher Tibor Kapu — to the International Space Station (ISS) for a 14-day experiment, took off from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida at 12.01 pm (IST) onboard the Space Dragon Aircraft, today.

After about 28-hour flight duration, the four crew members will dock at ISS at 4.30 pm tomorrow and are slated to spend 14 days at the space station conducting microgravity research.

Shukla said, "For the fortnight-long mission, I will be carrying with me not just instruments and equipment, but the hopes and dreams of a billion hearts."

Shukla also carried a special gift as a tribute to India's first astronaut, Rakesh Sharma. "I will be carrying something for him... I haven't revealed it to him. I will hand it over to him personally," he said, prior to the launch.

Both Shukla and Sharma (now retired) are Indian Air Force (IAF) test pilots. Interestingly, Shukla was born in the year 1985, a year after Sharma became the first and only Indian to fly to space.

(See MISSION on page 7)

Ashada Shukravara puja rituals at Chamundi Hill

District officials oversee last-minute preparations

Mysuru, June 25 (MTY&BS)- Preparations are in final stages for Ashada Shukravara (Friday) special puja rituals at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, atop Chamundi Hill, from June 27 to July 18. Ashada Friday rituals, which are an annual religious fervour, will be held on June 27, July 4, 11 and 18, with Chamundeshwari Vardhanti on July 17.

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy inspected the preparations this morning, along with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Crime & Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, Chamundeshwari Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa, Information & Public Relations Department Assistant Director T.K. Harish Kumar and other officials.

Devotees can have darshan of the presiding deity from 8 am on the first Ashada Friday (June 27), after the conclusion of special puja rituals.

(See ASHADA on page 6)

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy inspecting the arrangements at Chamundi Hill this morning along with City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Sri Chamundeshwari Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa and DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 25th June 2025

Model classroom, culinary activities launched at Maulana Azad School

Mysuru, June 25 (KS) - As part of Prof. B. Sheik Ali Centennial celebrations and International Day of Yoga, a model classroom was inaugurated at Maulana Azad School at Teachers Layout on Dr. Rajkumar Road in city recently by Dr. M.D. Kamath, Senior Consultant Surgeon at Brunei Darusalam while the culinary activity section was launched by C.S. Arpana, Block Resource Co-ordinator, Mysuru North.

These initiatives reflect the institution's evolving commitment to holistic education and practical skill-building for students.

Dr. Zakir Hussain, President of the Sultan Shaheed Education Trust (SSET), who presided, underscored the importance of honouring Professor Ali's scholarly contributions while nurturing innovative platforms for the next generation.

The celebrations echoed a message of unity, growth and reverence for tradition.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REVISITING THE COST OF PROGRESS: *Indian cities are rapidly urbanising and it is expected that by 2050 the urban population will be almost 814 million, further putting pressure on the environment and scarce resources. The repercussions of unplanned urbanisation, basically due to lack of planning, are already evident as cities across the country are turning into hotspots for extreme events such as drought, floods and heatwaves. Going forward, climate change is expected to increase the frequency of these events, putting significant economic burdens on the government and community. In the absence of climate risk insurance protection, climate proofing and resilient infrastructure, the social and environmental costs are expected to be substantially higher, particularly for the economically weaker and socially vulnerable population.*

Climate change and environmental degradation are emerging as the biggest risks, which require immediate attention and urgent action. Sustainable development should not be a topic confined to mere discussions and as a means of short-term political gains. The government and the private sector, as well as the community, should all play a bigger role in protecting and safeguarding our planet. This is possible with the right incentives, evidence-based policies, environmental awareness and pro-environmental governance and regulations. The clock is ticking. —Ashwin Ram in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

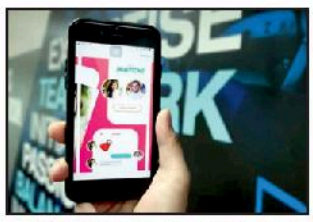
Association protests high alcohol prices

Accra: Ghana's Drunkard Association has given the country's government a three-week ultimatum to lower alcohol prices for both beverage vendors and consumers.

One may be tempted to think that the Drunkard's Association is just a stupid gimmick to draw the public's attention, but this is one of Ghana's most well-known informal organisations, boasting a member count of over 6.6 million people across the African nation.

In a viral post on X (Twitter) last weekend, Association President Moses Onyah, popularly known as "Dry Bone," decried the continued rise in prices for alcoholic drinks, fuelled by a surprising appreciation of the national currency, the cedi. The frustrated members of the group marched through the city of Accra and demanded that the government lower alcohol prices.

Man sued for impersonating Italian man



Casablanca: A 50-year-old Moroccan man was recently acquitted of sexual assault charges after impersonating a muscular Italian man on Tinder to sleep with a woman.

In one of the most bizarre legal cases we've ever covered, a Belgian man of Moroccan descent allegedly deceived a 47-year-old woman into sleeping with him by posing as a muscular Italian man named 'Ben'.

In 2018, the accused and his "victim" met on the popular dating app Tinder and agreed to engage in consensual sexual relations inspired by the hit book and movie series Fifty Shades of Grey. The woman agreed to be blindfolded during their encounter to better recreate the Fifty Shades of Grey atmosphere, but at some point, she felt like something was off, so she took off her blindfold to discover that the Italian hunk she had met on Tinder was a Moroccan man with a visible belly.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Back Pain That Radiates?

If back pain spreads down your legs, it may be a sign of nerve compression. Sciatica can often be treated effectively.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A. R. - Senior Consultant – Neurosurgery, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Sandal Urus Shariff of Hyder Ali Khan Bahadur tomorrow

Mysuru, June 25 (KS) - The 249th annual Sandal Urus Shariff celebrations of Hazarath Nawab Hyder Ali Khan Bahadur, organised by Hazarath Tipu Sultan Urus & Welfare Committee, Tipu Hall, Meena Bazar, Sawday Road in Lashkar Mohalla will be held tomorrow (June 26) at 3 pm at Masjid Aala, Srirangapatna.

Hazarath Tipu Sultan Wakf Estate Committee Chairman and MLA Tanveer Sait and Committee office-bearers have organised Sandal Procession from Masjid Ala till Tipu Tomb at Ganjam, Srirangapatna. Mysuru Urus delegates will join the Urus procession and will reach Tipu Tomb to perform Fatha Khawni, Darud Salam, spreading of flower mat, in the presence of MLA Tanveer Sait, Sir Qazi of Mysore Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff, Hazarath Mohammed Inayath-ur-Rehaman Razvi, Shahi Imam of Tipu Tomb, other Ulmas and Wakf Estate staff among others.

For details, contact Afroz Pasha, Secretary of Tipu Sultan Welfare and Urus Committee on Mob: 93798-56537, according to a press release.

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REALLY...?

- *The oldest wild bird in the world is widely thought to be the rather remarkable Laysan albatross known as Wisdom, who lives on the Midway Atoll in the North Pacific Ocean and is now estimated to be in her early to mid seventies.*
- *Birds don't sweat and do not have sweat glands, so to stay cool they evaporate water through their respiratory tract. Watch a bird on a hot summer's day and you may see it panting or, in some species, rapidly moving the floor of its mouth.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"This hat makes you look ten years younger. How old are you?"

"Twenty nine."

"I mean without the hat?!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Helmet wearing

Police must not WALK the talk but ACT the talk

Sir,

This is with reference to the letter titled ***'Helmet wearing: Police must first walk the talk'*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated June 24.

I was shocked to read this letter in *SOM,* which has been educating — both in this paper and also in its sister publication *Mysuru Mithra* — the two-wheeler riders and all those who are supposed to wear helmets while riding, including pillion riders for ages (our paper is 48 years old).

Two generations have passed and if there is still a wise two-wheeler rider or a wiser citizen in Mysuru who could send a letter of this kind to *Star of Mysore,* and surprisingly, *Star of Mysore* publishes it, I, as its Founder-Editor, cannot take it lying down.

In short, I would like to say only this. In Bengaluru, if you go there or the writer goes there, in the downtown area, you will never find any two-wheeler rider without wearing a helmet. That is because the Police have not only fixed CCTV cameras at all vantage points but also enforced the law very strictly, levying burdensome fines, failing which they will have to go to prison.

That is how I have seen in Western countries how law enforcement is done. When people like us go abroad, we say, look at Western countries, how disciplined they are on public roads. Therefore, instead of advising the irresponsible two-wheeler riders, it is better if this gentleman conducts coaching classes as a social service, and then, *Star of Mysore* will be the first one to publish it and also encourage that kind of service.

— K.B. Ganapathy,
Founder-Editor,
Star of Mysore

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Ashada Friday Puja rituals

Ex-Corporator seeks public help to curb throwing waste

K.V. Mallesh

Mysuru, June 25 (BS)- Former Corporator K.V. Mallesh has appealed to the general public to extend their cooperation to the authorities in maintaining cleanliness while distributing *prasadam* to devotees during the upcoming Ashada Shukravara (Ashada Friday) puja rituals at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill.

In recent times, a large number of devotees have been distributing *prasadam* at Chamundi Hill and various parts of the city during Ashada Fridays and Sundays. However, these areas are often left littered with plastic plates and water bottles, posing a challenge to the authorities responsible for maintaining cleanliness. The Pourakarmikas tasked with keeping the city clean are already overburdened, stated a press release issued by Mallesh.

He has urged the organisers of *prasadam* distribution programmes to make their own arrangements to keep the premises clean, demonstrating their commitment to the environment. Such eco-friendly measures are all the more crucial in light of recurring COVID-19 cases and concerns about epidemics.

Mallesh added that the District Administration and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) also share the responsibility of creating awareness among the public on maintaining cleanliness. Only through collective efforts can the vision of a 'Clean Mysuru' be realised, thereby enhancing the city's reputation as a 'Clean City.'

As an alternative to plastic plates and cups, Mallesh suggested using areca leaf plates and paper cups to serve *prasadam.* These eco-friendly alternatives are biodegradable and do not pose an environmental threat when disposed of properly.

Police to click and fine smokers, litterbugs in city

Mysuru, June 25 (SPN&KS)- With an increase in people smoking tobacco products near tea shops, in public places and around Government Offices, as well as incidents of garbage being set on fire and groups causing nuisance by speaking loudly and using foul language, the Police Department has orally instructed Constables to capture photos or videos of such activities on their mobile phones while on duty.

After clicking videos and photos, the Constables have been asked to and forward them to their jurisdictional Inspectors, so that penalties can be imposed on violators.

Following these oral instructions, a Constable attached to Lakshmipuram Police Station was seen photographing a garbage heap containing cigarette butts and plastic waste near the old Deputy Commissioner's Office and sending the images to his superior officer. When approached by a *Star of Mysore* reporter, the Constable confirmed that such an oral order has been issued to all city Police Stations.

Meanwhile, an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) attached to Devaraja Traffic Police Station took action against two-wheelers parked haphazardly in front of tea shops near the old Deputy Commissioner Office and issued warnings to the owners.

The ASI stated that instructions have been given to click photos of people smoking in front of tea shops, those obstructing pedestrian movement, footpath encroachments and garbage heaps in and around prominent areas, tourist spots, and Government Office premises. These photos are to be sent to officers for further action, he added.

Impressionz celebrates weaves and jewels

Expo by Vaishnavi Silks and Fuschia by Ritu

Mysuru, June 25- Impressionz, the city's renowned lifestyle exhibition curator, presents an exquisite celebration of Indian heritage and craftsmanship.

On June 26 and 27 from 11 am to 9 pm, Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city will play host to an exclusive exhibition by **Vaishnavi Silks**, showcasing a stunning array of timeless and contemporary sarees.

The collection brings together the rich traditions of Indian textile artistry, featuring luxurious Kanchipuram, intricate Banarasi, opulent Paithani, artistic Kalamkari and rare Jamdani weaves. Adding a modern twist, the exhibition also includes fusion sarees blending Bandhani and Paithani — a visual delight for every saree enthusiast.

Each saree is a masterpiece, reflecting India's cultural legacy and artisanal brilliance — from the intricate zari of Banarasi silks and the majestic elegance of Kanchipuram, to the vibrant motifs of Kalamkari and the intricate beauty of handcrafted Paithanis.

Adding to the splendour of the showcase is a special attraction — **Fuschia by Ritu Mehrotra**, an exclusive handcrafted jewellery brand. Known for her signature style that merges classic Indian design with a contemporary flair, Ritu brings her latest collection of kundan, jadau, polki, semi-precious stones, pearls and silver jewellery, along with elegant loungewear and festive wear.

Her collection — crafted with rubies, jades, emeralds and cultured pearls — is known for its superior quality and fine detailing. Ritu Mehrotra's creations have graced the ramps of major fashion weeks, been styled on numerous celebrities and are available at leading multi-designer stores across India. Whether you're a connoisseur of handwoven sarees or in search of unique statement jewellery, this two-day event promises a rare blend of tradition and trend.

Don't miss this celebration of heritage and haute couture — on June 26 and 27 at Hotel Southern Star.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Janaspandana event postponed

The District-level Janaspandana (Janatha Darshana) programme by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, which was scheduled for today (June 25), has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. The event will now be held on July 4 at ZP Auditorium at 10 am, according to a press release from Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy.

Musical evening, felicitation

Pathi Foundation has organised a Musical Evening of songs from films starring Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Srinath, Shankar Nag and Ananth Nag, at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, tomorrow (June 26) at 5 pm. Financial aid will be distributed to visually impaired children and felicitation will be done to SSLC and PUC toppers on the occasion. Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) President M. Narasimhalu, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MP Prathap Simha, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District President Nagaraj V. Bairy and others will be the chief guests at the event.

Street play, awareness rally

As part of International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, Basava Marga Foundation has organised a street play at Kukkarahalli Government School tomorrow (June 26) at 10.30 am. An Awareness Rally will be taken out in the main thoroughfares of Kukkarahalli at 11.30 am. Stage programme will be held at the Kukkarahalli Government School premises at 12.30 pm. Karnataka State Temperance Board Secretary N.S. Mahesh will be the chief guest. Basava Marga Foundation Rehabilitation and De-addiction Centre President S. Basavaraju will preside. Kukkarahalli Government High School Head Master Chandru will be present.

Story-telling at Suruchi Rangamane

As part of Kathe Kelona Banni - 886, Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by **Sunitha Betkerur**, retired Teacher & Visiting Teacher, Vanitha Sadana, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar in city on June 28 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Case of dead wife being found alive

Freed husband moves HC; seeks victim status, Rs. 5 crore relief

Mysuru, June 25 (VNS)- In the latest development in the 'dead wife found alive' case, Suresh — who was previously accused of murdering his wife Mallige but later acquitted by the 5th Additional District and Sessions Court after she was found alive with her paramour in a Madikeri hotel — has moved the High Court of Karnataka challenging certain orders passed by the Mysuru Court.

Suresh

In its judgment dated April 23, 2025, the 5th Additional District and Sessions Court honourably acquitted Suresh of all charges. It directed the Inspector General of Police, Mysuru Division, to initiate departmental action against four Police Officers — Jitendra Kumar, Prakash M. Yattinamani, B.K. Mahesh and B.G. Prakash — and to submit a detailed report to the Court. Additionally, Court authorised the Chief Administrative Officer of the District and Sessions Court to file a criminal complaint against Investigating Officer B.G. Prakash under Sections 229 and 231 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Suresh has now filed two separate petitions before the High Court: A Criminal Appeal (CRL.A/1209/2025) seeking criminal action not only against the then Bettadapura Circle Police Inspector B.G. Prakash but also against ASI Somashekar, then ASP Jitendra Kumar and PSIs Prakash M. Yattinamani and B.K. Mahesh, and a Writ Petition (WP 18860/2025) seeking to replace the word 'accused' prefixed to his name with 'victim,' asserting that he is the true victim in this case and therefore entitled to compensation.

Advocate K.G. Kumara represents Suresh in both matters. However, the cases are yet to be heard by the High Court.

Victim and accused

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Advocate Pandu Pujari, who appeared for Suresh in the Mysuru Court, said they had urged the removal of the prefix 'accused' as there is no provision for granting compensation to an accused.

"In this case, Suresh is the real victim and must be compensated. He should be identified as the victim and not the accused," he explained.

He added, "We have also sought an amendment to the Victim Compensation Act so that any accused person who is later proved innocent and shown to be the real victim is eligible for compensation. Though it is a Central Act, the State can also make amendments."

Furthermore, Suresh has claimed a compensation of Rs. 5 crore from Respondents 2 to 6, which include the IGP Bengaluru (Central Range), Mysuru SP, ADGP (Law and Order), SHO of Bettadapura Police Station and then CPI B.G. Prakash.

Case history

Suresh was arrested by Bettadapura Police in June 2021 on charges of murdering his wife, Mallige and spent two years in prison before securing bail from the High Court. The couple had been married for 18 years and had two children.

In a dramatic turn on April 1, 2025, Mallige — believed to have been murdered — was found alive and well at a hotel in Madikeri, eating snacks with her paramour, Ganesh.

Madikeri Police were immediately alerted, who took Mallige into custody and during interrogation, she admitted to having lived with Ganesh in Shettigeri village, Ponnampet taluk, for the past five years. This revelation triggered a judicial upheaval that led to Suresh's acquittal and an inquiry into Police misconduct.

Chain-snatchers target farmer woman

Mysuru, June 25 (SBD&KS)- A 53-year-old farmer woman was attacked and partially robbed of her gold mangalya chain by bike-borne miscreants on the Ayarahalli-Hadinaru Main Road in the taluk on Monday afternoon.

The victim, Puttathayamma, wife of Ranganaika and a resident of Ayarahalli, was carrying lunch to her husband working in the agricultural field when the incident occurred. The miscreants, after threatening her with a knife, managed to snatch part of her 26-gram mangalya chain before fleeing.

According to the complaint filed at Varuna Police Station, two men on a motorcycle approached her from behind. After briefly removing their helmets — leading Puttathayamma to believe they might be relatives — they rode ahead, only to circle back and block her path.

As she resumed walking towards the fields, one of the miscreants followed her and attempted to snatch the chain. Though she resisted and screamed for help, the assailant forcefully pulled the chain, breaking it into two.

Alarmed by her continued cries, the miscreant flashed a knife to threaten her before fleeing with his accomplice towards Hadinaru.

Puttathayamma rushed to the field and informed her husband. The couple attempted to chase the culprits but were unsuccessful. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

Target rural women

Once largely confined to urban areas, chain-snatchers are now increasingly targeting women in rural locations.

Last week, in a similar incident at Kalluru Naganahalli in Yelwal hobli, two miscreants posing as pet dog searchers snatched a 37-gram gold mangalya chain worth Rs. 3.2 lakh from a farmer woman named Kumari, who was returning home with her cattle.

In another case, Venkatamma, who was working in a field adjacent to the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, was attacked. She lost her 37-gram mangalya chain and 10-gram gold earrings worth a total of Rs. 4.5 lakh and sustained injuries when the earrings were violently pulled off.

A few months ago, miscreants in a car snatched a gold chain from a woman near Kote Hundi village on H.D. Kote Road. A similar incident had occurred near Yelwal as well.

Call for CCTV surveillance in villages

While CCTV cameras have become common in urban settings, many rural residents with the means are now installing them in their homes, agricultural fields, and farms.

Given the difficulty in deploying Police personnel in every village, citizens and officials alike are urging the Police Department to consider installing surveillance cameras along inter-village roads as a deterrent against such crimes.

Flouting rowdy list order

RTI Activist files contempt plea

Mysuru, June 25 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru-based RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, the complainant in MUDA (now MDA) 50:50 site scam allegedly involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi and others, has alleged that despite an order from the Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority directing the removal of his name from the rowdy-sheeter list, the directive remains unimplemented.

Krishna

In response, he has filed a complaint with the Chairperson of the Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority against City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and other officials.

The activist alleges that the directive was deliberately ignored following a verbal order from CM Siddaramaiah, in retaliation for his ongoing legal battle against the CM in Lokayukta and Courts regarding the MUDA scam.

"My name was unlawfully included in the rowdy-sheeter list at KR Police Station in Mysuru. After examining my complaint, the Authority issued an order on Dec. 20, 2024, instructing that my name be removed from the list. Furthermore, on Feb. 4, 2025, the Authority's office sent a letter to the Mysuru City Police Commissioner regarding this issue," he stated.

"On Feb. 6, I personally submitted a written request to Commissioner Seema Latkar, urging her to implement the order and remove my name. However, even after four-and-a-half months, my name remains on the list. This delay is due to a verbal instruction from the CM, restraining the Police Department from executing the directive. I have complained, highlighting the non-compliance with the Authority's written order," Krishna stated.

Snehamayi Krishna has petitioned the Chairperson of the Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority, seeking legal action against Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju, ACP Ramesh, Inspector Dhanraj and Sub-Inspector Harish for judicial contempt.

CM to release Rs. 50 crore per Constituency amid MLA dissent

Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar steps up outreach, hosts MLAs ahead of anticipated CM transition

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah meets President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi yesterday, requesting approval for pending Bills as Ministers K.J. George, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Satish Jarkiholi and Karnataka Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh look on.

Bengaluru, June 25 (KMS& BCT)- Facing growing discontent among party legislators over lack of funds for development works in their Constituencies, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has decided to release Rs. 50 crore for development works in each Assembly segment. The funds are expected to be disbursed in July, with officials directed to prioritise infrastructure projects based on recommendations from local MLAs.

This move comes after senior legislators, including B.R. Patil, N.Y. Gopalakrishna, Belur Gopalakrishna and Raju Kage, voiced their dissatisfaction. In an effort to regain their trust, the Chief Minister has initiated measures to address their concerns.

Upon his return from Delhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has decided to hold daily breakfast meetings with small groups of legislators to hear their grievances first-hand and provide immediate solutions.

Additionally, the Chief Secretary has instructed officials to respond swiftly to representations made by legislators — particularly Assembly members — while adhering to legal procedures.

The frequent criticism from party MLAs regarding bureaucratic overreach has caused significant embarrassment for both the Government and the ruling party.

Shivakumar's silent move

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is reportedly confident of assuming the CM's post by November, has already begun hosting fellow legislators as part of his outreach.

In recent days, Shivakumar has been personally meeting legislators at his Sadashivanagar residence, seating them in a separate chamber to discuss issues and offering on-the-spot resolutions.

To ensure timely follow-ups on MLAs' concerns, he has appointed special officers — a marked shift from the previous approach, where such matters were allegedly not given due priority.

Speaking to journalists at Karnataka Bhavan in Delhi, Basavaraj Rayareddy, the CM's Economic Advisor and a senior party legislator, noted that the State's financial condition had been strained over the past two years, hindering comprehensive development.

He attributed the current challenges to arbitrary contract awards and delayed fund releases during the previous BJP government.

"Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, has to be credited with stabilising the State's finances over the last two years. With development funds now set for release in July, MLAs — while frustrated by slow implementation — have clarified that their grievances are not a revolt against the administration, government or Chief Minister," Rayareddy added. Their primary demand remains Constituency development, an issue the CM is addressing with urgency, he said.

Flood relief: Chief Minister seeks Rs. 1.15 lakh crore Central aid

CM Siddaramaiah greeting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi yesterday with a bouquet.

Bengaluru, June 25 (KMS& BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has requested special financial assistance from the Central Government to tackle flood-related disasters in the Malnad and Western Ghats regions.

Speaking to media after meeting President Droupadi Murmu and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, he said the State has sought Rs. 1.15 lakh crore for Bengaluru's infrastructure and capital development, along with separate funds for disaster mitigation in flood-prone areas and development of the Kalyana Karnataka region.

The appeal comes after Karnataka officials recently submitted a second supplementary memorandum to the 16th Finance Commission, highlighting significant financial grievances.

The State has seen its share in Central taxes drop from 4.7 percent under the 14th Finance Commission to 3.6 percent under the 15th Finance Commission — a 1.1 percentage point reduction that has resulted in Karnataka receiving over 23 percent less in overall grants and allocations.

Officials estimate this has led to a Rs. 63,000 crore shortfall in tax devolution alone.

Additionally, the State is awaiting Rs. 11,495 crore in pending special grants that were previously earmarked, including Rs. 5,495 crore in general funds, Rs. 3,000 crore for Bengaluru's Peripheral Ring Road and Rs. 3,000 crore for Bengaluru city's lake development. Combined with the tax devolution losses, Karnataka calculates a total financial impact of nearly Rs. 80,000 crore.

The delegation emphasised Karnataka's disproportionate economic contributions, noting that while the State accounts for just 5 percent of India's population, it contributes 8.7 percent to national GDP. Karnataka ranks second in GST collections and third among all States in overall GDP. Officials argued that States making such significant economic contributions deserve fairer fiscal allocations, and questioned the rationale behind providing revenue deficit grants to financially weaker States while high-performing States like Karnataka face reduced shares.

They specifically referenced grants given to Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, suggesting Karnataka should either receive similar revenue deficit support or such grants should be discontinued altogether.

Despite maintaining strong revenue performance, Karnataka has been running a fiscal deficit since last year, though officials expect improvement in the coming year.

During the meetings, Nirmala Sitharaman reportedly assured that any unfair treatment of Karnataka would be reviewed and appropriate corrective measures taken. Separately, CM Siddaramaiah said he discussed with the President seven pending Bills that require Central approval, requesting they be expedited through the necessary channels for early clearance.

Power disruption in city on June 26 and 30

Mysuru, June 25- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be holding its 1st quarterly maintenance works at GIC Kalamandira Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply tomorrow (June 26) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Saraswathipuram 1st Main to 16th Main, New Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal, University Quarters, Muslim Hostel, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kukkarahalli Lake Road, Paduvarahalli, DC Residence, Regional Commissioner's Office, CFTRI Campus, Valmiki Road, Judge's Quarters, Vontikoppal, Hunsur Main Road, Vagdevinagar, surrounding areas of SJCE, Chamaraja Mohalla, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Office, Law Courts, Old DC's Office, surrounding areas of Maharaja's and Yuvaraja's Colleges, D.D. Urs Road, Shivarampet, Dewan's Road, Dhanvantri Road, surroundings of J.K. Grounds and JLB Road, Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, Maharaja's Hostel, Geetha Road, Ramaswamy Circle and surrounding areas.

On June 30: As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) will take up its quarterly maintenance works at Rajeevnagar and Devanur Power Distribution Centres, power supply will be disrupted on June 30 between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas:

Rajeevnagar 2nd and 3 Stages, Christian Colony, Yasin Masjid, S. Layout, Suryanarayan Temple Road, Al-Badr Masjid Circle, Ambedkar Bhavan Road, Quba Masjid Circle, Narayana Hospital, Kamanakerehundi, KHB Layout, RTO East and surrounding areas.

Devanur Power Distribution Centre: Beedi Colony, Azeez Sait Nagar, Kesare Colony, Mahadevapura Main Road, Shaktinagar, Rajkumar Road, Kalyangiri, Akshay Bhandar, Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigarahundi, Nehrunagar, DTS Rao Nagar, Sathagalli B Zone, VTU College, Bharathnagar and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla and VV Mohalla Divisions.

Minister Zameer owns resort in restricted area of Nagarahole

Plaint to Lokayukta goes in vain: BJP Spokesman

Mysuru, June 25 (GA&BS)- City BJP Spokesman M.A. Mohan has alleged that Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan owns a resort in the restricted area of Nagarahole Forests and a complaint lodged with Lokayukta against the illegality has fallen on deaf ears.

Addressing media persons at City BJP Office yesterday, Mohan levelled a series of charges against Zameer.

"Zameer has been diverting crores of rupees from Government funds in the name of his close aides and has built a resort in violation of law at the restricted area in the wild. Sarfaraj Khan, who is a 'D' group clerk is associated with Zameer for the last 25 years and is a part of the irregularities," said Mohan, releasing substantiating documents to the media.

Four dams are located in H.D. Kote taluk, comprising both Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, known for their biodiversity. The resorts have mushroomed illegally in such places, flouting the rules of Forest Department in a blatant manner, he said.

"Sarfaraj Khan, despite being a Government employee is into business. The moot question here is: How can a Government employee invest crores of rupees and run a resort business? Definitely, Minister Zameer has his stakes here," alleged Mohan.

As per Karnataka State Tourism Policy-2025, a farmer can run a Home Stay under Athithi Scheme. But is bound by a rule that the farmer has to stay in the same premises and build additional four rooms and maintain the facility on his own. But the resort in question has over 20 rooms, with a man put in charge as a caretaker. The guests are charged Rs. 2,500 per day. Another building is coming up on a four-acre land located adjacent to the resort, with the personal driver of Sarfaraj investing a whopping Rs. 100 crore. How can a mere driver invest such a huge amount? asked Mohan.

The resort has a bar with CL-7 licence, with no permission for take away. But the bar remains open till 11 pm, all with the blessings of Minister Zameer. He visits the resort once in a fortnight and distributes money to the people around like a puffed rice.

Another resort, owned by a relative of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, is functioning in the surrounding of Zameer's resort. To probe into all these illicit activities, BJP has decided to form a Fact Finding Committee. It has been brought to the notice of State BJP Unit, said Mohan.

City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Corporator Rangaswamy and Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs were present.

City BJP Spokesman M.A. Mohan addressing media persons at City BJP Office yesterday as City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Corporator Rangaswamy and Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs look on.

'Emergency 50: Darkest chapters'

Today (June 25) marks fifty years since one of the darkest chapters in India's democratic history, the imposition of the Emergency. The people of India mark this day as *Samvidhan Hatya Diwas*. On this day, the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution were set aside, fundamental rights were suspended, press freedom was extinguished and several political leaders, social workers, students and ordinary citizens were jailed. It was as if the Congress Government in power at that time placed democracy under arrest! #SamvidhanHatyaDiwas. **—Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

Black Day of Emergency in city on June 28

The Mysuru City BJP has organised a special event titled 'Black Day of Emergency' on June 28 at 11.30 am at Golden Time auditorium on Mysuru-Hunsur Road. Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok will be taking part in the event and speak on the 'Dark Days of Emergency and its aftermath.'

— City BJP Spokesman M.A. Mohan

Will quit if 'Cash-for-House' charge is proven: Housing Minister

Bengaluru, June 25 (KMS&BS)- Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has offered to tender his resignation to the Cabinet, if the allegation of 'Cash-for-House' is proven against him.

Zameer Ahmed

Zameer is in the eye of the storm, especially after his own party colleague and Deputy Chairman of Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission and Aland MLA B.R. Patil, dropped a bomb shell, alleging that the housing units are being allotted to those who grease the palms of higher ups in the Ministry.

Addressing a media briefing, Zameer claimed, "I won't stoop low to make a living out of money swindled from the poor for allotting the house. There is no room for corruption in the Department, but will order for a probe as the charges have been made by the Congress MLA."

Stringent action will be taken against the guilty, if any, on the receipt of the report, assured Zameer Ahmed.

"I will speak to B.R. Patil also in this regard. Moreover, Patil has neither mentioned my name nor of the officials, while pressing the charges of corruption. If there is any accurate information about the illegality happening at Gram Panchayat level, I will take action. As I was on foreign tour, I wasn't able to respond to the charges on time. I have apprised the Chief Minister with relevant information," he explained.

To clarify further, Zameer said, Gram Panchayats are vested with power to decide on the beneficiaries of housing units and the local body's say in this matter is the final.

"Another MLA Belur Gopalakrishna, also of our own party, lacks adequate information over the same. Hence he has been demanding my resignation. Apart from GP recommendations, the beneficiaries recommended by the local MLAs shall also be allotted housing units under Ashraya Housing Scheme and other schemes," said Zameer.

Ashada preparations

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Free transportation, barricading

DC Lakshmikanth Reddy told media persons, as in previous years, free transportation is arranged in KSRTC buses for the devotees from Lalitha Mahal Palace grounds to the top of the Hill. The vehicles, irrespective of two-wheelers and four-wheelers, can be parked in the designated rows.

Barring the movement of protocol vehicles and VIP vehicles, the movement of private vehicles to the Hill is banned on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, till the conclusion of Ashada Shukravara rituals on July 18.

Apart from providing free entry to the Temple under *Dharma Darshana*, the special entry tickets priced at Rs. 300 and Rs. 2,000 will be sold at the dedicated counters being opened at Lalitha Mahal grounds.

They will also be ferried in separate buses that will stop at three different places upon reaching the Hill. The bus carrying devotees opting for free entry will stop at the parking lot at the Hill, while buses of Rs. 300 ticket holders will stop a distance away from the parking lot.

The bus carrying Rs. 2,000 ticket holders will stop at a point near the Mahishasura statue.

To avoid chaos and confusion, especially the stampede-like incidents, separate barricading has been arranged for all three entries, including the special entry ticket holders.

40-gram dry fruits, badam milk

Those coming to the Hill through steps from the foothill will be given a packet of 40-gram dry fruits, along with water and badam milk at the Hill by Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Authority. The same privilege will be extended to the devotees availing *Dharma Darshana*.

For Rs. 2,000 ticket holders, a gift pack consisting of an idol of Chamundeshwari shall be given. The devotees gaining entry to the Temple through different barricades shall meet at the common point inside the sanctum sanctorum.

While there is no permission for private organisers to distribute *prasadam* to the devotees, the Chamundeshwari Temple Authority itself has organised *dasoha* (mass feeding) this year.

VIP darshan: 5 am-10 am

Arrangements are being made to feed 1,000 devotees at a time at the vehicle parking lot near the Mahishasura statue. VIPs shall be provided access to the Temple for *darshan* of the presiding deity only between 5 am and 10 am.

As an extended security measure, 100 Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled CCTV cameras have been installed for surveillance covering the strategic points at the Hill, including the Temple surroundings, parking lot, concourse area and Lalitha Mahal parking lot.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said that a strong contingent of 1,000 Police personnel, 4 platoons of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) force, one women's KSRP platoon, totalling 1,700 will be deployed on duty.

Chief Priest of the Temple N. Shashishekar Dixit said that the puja rituals on Ashada Shukravara begin from 5.30 am. The Temple will remain open for devotees till 10 pm on all four Ashada Shukravaras.

No reels shooting at temple; mobile phones banned

Mobile phones are completely restricted inside Chamundeshwari Temple during Ashada. The shooting of reels and photographs using mobile phones and cameras is totally restricted at the Temple. Any violations in this regard will lead to permanent forfeiture of mobile phone and camera. The Temple Authority itself will be henceforth live-streaming the rituals on social networking sites and will share the photos and videos related to *Utsava Murti*.

Obituary

Mahadevamma

Mysuru, June 25- Mahadevamma (70), wife of retired conductor S. Raju and a resident of Gowrishankaranagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, son Girish, daughter-in-law, daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram today.

Troubling voter over issuance of ID card

MLA enters into verbal spat with MCDCC Bank CEO

Mysuru, June 25 (PM&DM)- Accusing MCDCC (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central) Bank CEO R.J. Kantharaju of troubling a voter over issuance of a duplicate voter ID card, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda entered into a verbal spat with the CEO at the Bank's Main Office at Nehru Circle on Ashoka Road here yesterday.

Gurunayaka, a voter from Punajanur Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society in Chamarajanagar taluk, had lost his delegate card (ID card) of the Society, following which he had filed an application seeking issuance of a duplicate card on June 19. But the Bank officials gave an endorsement stating that the duplicate ID cannot be issued.

Questioning this, Gurunayaka, accompanied by BJP leader Vrishabhendrappa, met the MCDCC Bank officials and enquired about the denial, when the officials told them to meet the Returning Officer Ashappa, who in turn asked Gurunayaka to once again meet the Bank officials, it is learnt.

Upon learning about this, MLA G.D. Harish Gowda visited the MCDCC Bank and insisted on issuing a duplicate ID to Gurunayaka, when the Bank CEO Kantharaju is said to have declined.

An upset Harish Gowda entered into a verbal duel with the CEO. Arguing that it was not correct on the part of Bank officials to deprive a legitimate voter of his voting rights, the MLA maintained that it is the duty of officials to issue a duplicate card after an application has been filed.

Later, after a 4-hour wait, the Bank officials got the duplicate ID card from the office of the Returning Officer and gave it to Gurunayaka after due authentication.

Gurunayaka said that he had lost his ID card while travelling in a bus on June 14 and as such, he had filed an application for a duplicate ID.

BJP leader Vrishabhendrappa, who is also a party backed candidate for the MCDCC Bank polls from Chamarajanagar taluk, alleged that the Bank officials had intentionally delayed issuance of the card because of pressure exerted by some influential leaders.

Hunsur MLA Harish Gowda, who is contesting MCDCC Bank polls scheduled for tomorrow (June 26), said that he was responsible for the conduct of MCDCC Bank polls.

Maintaining that he had waged a legal battle for two years in Court seeking conduct of Bank polls, he contended that politics should not enter co-operative sector, which is non-political in nature.

Alleging that some groups were indulged in depriving voting rights to delegates of Co-operative Societies, Harish Gowda, who is also a former MCDCC Bank President, said that he has appealed the Bank CEO and the Returning Officer to ensure a free and fair polls.

Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda (right) taking MCDCC Bank CEO R.J. Kantharaju to task at the Bank in city yesterday.

Bank polls tomorrow

The polls for electing 11 out of the 12 Directors of the MCDCC Bank will take place at Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city tomorrow (June 26). There are a total of 29 candidates in fray. The election will not be held for Yelandur Taluk Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies seat in Chamarajanagar as Y.M. Jayaram has been declared elected unopposed for being the lone candidate to file the nomination from that seat.

Tomorrow's election has turned out to be all the more interesting and prestigious this time, with as many as four MLAs (G.D. Harish Gowda, H.M. Ganesh Prasad, C. Puttarangashetty and Anil Chikkamadu) and a former MLA R. Narendra contesting.

30,000 cusecs of water released from KRS Dam

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Tourist spots closed

In light of the swelling Cauvery River, Srirangapatna Tahsildar Parashuram Sathigeri has prohibited public access to all riverfront areas, including Balamuri, Edamuri, Triveni Sangama and Gosai Ghat. Bathing ghats at Nimishamba Temple and near Sriranganathaswamy Temple have also been sealed.

Boating stopped at Ranganathittu

Boating activities at the renowned Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary have been suspended due to rising water levels. However, tourists are still allowed entry into the sanctuary for viewing purposes.

According to officials, the sanctuary remains safe unless water discharge from the KRS Dam exceeds 90,000 to 1 lakh cusecs. If such levels are reached, the sanctuary will be closed to visitors entirely.

With above-normal rainfall predicted, the Mandya District Administration has stepped up flood preparedness efforts. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara has chaired a meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority, drawing officials from key departments to discuss flood mitigation strategies.

All departments — including Fire and Emergency Services, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Forest Department, Tahsildars and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) — have been directed to set up 24x7 control rooms, equipped with emergency contact information for public access.

The Fire Department has been instructed to ensure all flood-response equipment, such as boats and life jackets, are in working order.

Authorities have also been asked to compile a list of trained local swimmers who can assist in rescue operations. So far, 67 flood-prone villages have been identified. Officials have been instructed to visit these areas and assess local conditions.

Tahsildars have been directed to convene Gram Panchayat-level meetings to implement preventive measures. If needed, relief centres must be established with basic facilities in place.

Schools asked to submit proposals for availing Rs.1 lakh grant

Mysuru, June 25- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has asked Government Schools in the district which have student sportspersons who have excelled in sporting events organised by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports or the Education Department or by Government recognised sports organisations, to send proposal for availing Rs.1 lakh grant (each school), out of which Rs.10,000 will be given for Physical Education teachers of selected schools and Rs. 90,000 to the selected schools' SDMC for purchase of sports gears and articles. The grant is provided under *Nammoora Shaale, Namma Yuvajanaru* scheme introduced in 2017-18 as part of State Youth Policy-2012.

The schools can send their proposal to the Department Office located in Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, before June 27.

For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2564179, according to a release from the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports.

Historic AX-4 Mission lifts off

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After lift-off, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla delivered a message for India from space.

Speaking in Hindi, Shukla said, "Namaskar, mere pyare deshvasiyon! What a ride! We are back in space after 41 years... The Tricolour on my shoulder reminds me that I'm not alone. This isn't just the beginning of my international space journey — it's the beginning of ours, as a nation."

Thanks to Shukla, the crew aboard the ISS will get a taste of Indian delicacies. He would be carrying sweets – carrot halwa, moong dal halwa and mango nectar – for all the international crew members to taste.

As is tradition, the crew of a spacecraft's first launch are awarded naming rights. That honour fell to Ax-4 for this new Dragon; the astronauts named it 'Grace', which they revealed once they reached the orbit.

From Lucknow to International Space Station: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (nicknamed Shux), mission pilot Axiom 4 Mission, is an Indian Air Force (IAF) test pilot and ISRO astronaut.

Shukla, a native of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, completed his schooling at City Montessori School, Aliganj. Inspired by the 1999 Kargil War, he independently applied for and cleared the UPSC NDA exam. He completed his military training and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the National Defence Academy in 2005.

He was then selected for the flying branch and underwent training at the IAF Academy. In June 2006, he was commissioned into the Fighter stream of the Indian Air Force as a Flying officer

He is a combat leader and seasoned test pilot with about 2,000 hours of flying experience i.

Shukla is married to Dr. Kamna Mishra, a dentist. The couple has a son. His father, Shambhu Dayal Shukla, is a retired government officer, while his mother, Asha Shukla, is a homemaker.

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The MPVL invites offers / quotes from the eligible reputed and recognised **PUBLIC SECTOR BANK** (PSU) / **REGIONAL RURAL BANK** (RRB) and **PRIVATE SCHEDULE COMMERCIAL BANK** (Pvt.SCB) for investment of surplus fund. The complete details of the e-Auction can be downloaded from the e-portal of the Government of Karnataka https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/. The details are as follows.

Sl. No	Particulars	Amount of Investment	Period of Investment
01.	Public Sector Bank (PSU)/Regional Rural Bank(RRB)	14.00 Crore	365/366 days
02.	Private Schedule Commercial Bank (Pvt. SCB)	9.00 Crore	365/366 days

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The eternally late person and their gold medal worthy excuses

Every office has one. Every classroom. Every Indian family. That one person for whom the concept of punctuality is more of a "friendly suggestion" than a social norm. Their internal clock is permanently set to "just missed it." Yet, despite the delays, despite the frustration, you have to hand it to them — they never come unprepared.

No, they arrive armed with an excuse. It is so uniquely crafted and emotionally compelling. It leaves you too baffled — or too guilty — to even be annoyed.

Office Drama: Tardy Tarun

It is 10.12 am. The weekly team sync began at 9.45. **Tarun** strolls in like he is the keynote speaker at a spiritual retreat.

"Boss, sorry — you will not believe it. My upstairs aunty's cat fell into the water tank on the terrace. She was panicking, so I had to climb up and rescue it. Barefoot. I slipped twice."

He says it all with such tragic sincerity, you start questioning your own anger. Was *he* late, or did destiny delay him?

Tarun proceeds to contribute nothing. As the meeting ends, he chimes in: "Wait, wait — can we just recap what we decided? I zoned out during Slide 4. Side effect of the anti-rabies injection."

The Passive-Aggressive Latecomer: Manipulative Mahesh

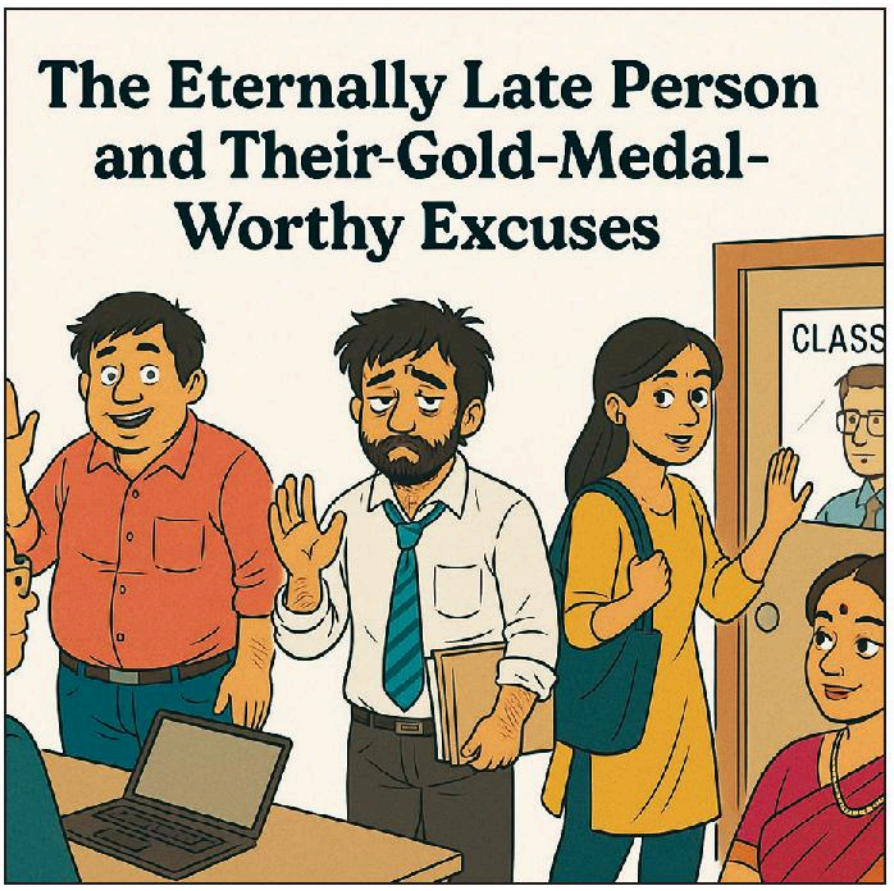
Then there is **Mahesh** — a next-level professional. His lateness comes with a twist: **you** end up feeling responsible for it.

You walk into office at 9.30. By 10.15, no Mahesh. At 10.37, he appears looking *exhausted*. Hair unkempt. Shirt wrinkled. Under-eye bags large enough to carry groceries.

"Sir… that report you wanted? I was up all night. Slept at 7 am. I swear I just closed my eyes and boom — 10.30. I could not even set an alarm… too tired."

You blink. Wait. *Your* report kept him up? *You are* the reason he is late?

He continues: "Honestly, not blaming you sir. I just didn't want to let you down. That is why I pushed through."



Now you are sitting there, emotionally blackmailed, thanking him for being *late*.

Classroom Chaos: Always-Late Ashley

Every college has an **Ashley.** I had her in my class when I was teaching at an Ivy League. She arrives at class like she is making a guest appearance. She is just late enough to dodge attendance and just early enough to claim victim-hood.

"Dr. Balu, sorry! Professor Dean made us stay. Extra tutorial. I told him I had another class, but he just would not listen. What could I do?"

You have heard about Professor Dean so many times, you start to wonder if he is holding students hostage. You later find out he is on study leave in Canada.

One day she claimed she was late because of a random dog on campus "looked like it needed company." What do you even say to that? You are not heartless.

Family Edition: Last-Minute Lakshmi

Meet **Lakshmi Mami** (aunt) — the undisputed champion of the "Just five more minutes" genre. The family's leaving for a cousin's engagement. Uber's waiting. Everyone is dressed, grumpy, and sweating.

She is still inside trying to pin her saree. Not because she is slow — but because she tried on four outfits and rejected all of them. Twice.

She emerges at last, radiant and unapologetic. "I had to redo my eye-liner. It was looking too smudged. It is a *function,* not a crime scene."

By now, dinner service is halfway done, and the bride's about to change into her second saree.

But who can stay mad? She is carrying home-made *Mysore Pak* in a steel *dabba*. Game over.

Excuse Hall of Fame

The best part about perpetually late people isn't the delay — it is the dazzling range of excuses they bring. Here is a sample of the finest from the subcontinent:

- **Wildlife Encounters:** "A monkey took my lunch-box. Had to chase him for 15 minutes."
- **Spiritual Blackmail:** "My *ajji* (granny) was watching the puja. She said if I left before *Aarti* ended, bad luck would follow me all day."
- **Transport Tragedy:** "The auto broke down and the driver said Mercury is in retrograde. I did not want to argue."
- **Bureaucratic Blame:** "Building watchman would not open the gate. He said I look too shady in the mornings."
- **Weather Woes:** "It was humid. My hair puffed up like a mushroom. I could not show up like that."

You are laughing, but also slightly impressed. It is like they have a back-up excuse generator always running in the background.

The Philosophy of Punctuality (or Lack Thereof)

In India, punctuality is not a universally shared virtue — it is more of a personality trait. And for people like Tarun, Mahesh and Lakshmi Mami, *time* is not something you follow. It is something you negotiate with.

They do not believe in being on time. They believe in **arriving with a story.**

And sure, they drive you mad. They make you wait. They throw off your entire schedule. But they also make your day just a little bit more entertaining. Because when they walk in late with that perfect mix of confidence, guilt-tripping and cow-based excuse — you realise they are not just late.

They are legends.

And you? You are just part of their epic time-line.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles that one hopes will evoke laughter of what many of us experience in real life.]

Intl. Conference on Data Science, Blockchain Technology

Mysuru, June 25- The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, is organising its Annual International Conference on Data Science, Machine Learning and Blockchain Technology [AICDMB-2025] sponsored by AICTE and IEEE (Technically Sponsored by IEEE Bangalore Section and IEEE Mysore Subsection) on June 27 and 28.

It is a yearly event for a world-class gathering of researchers from academia and industry, practitioners, and business leaders, providing a forum for discussing cutting edge research, and directions for new innovative business and technology.

The Conference will be inaugurated by chief guest Dr. C. Chandra Sekhar, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, on June 27 at BC Lingaiah Hall of VVCE at 10 am. Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), Mysuru, will preside. Dr. A.D. Dileep, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering & Dean Administration, Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad, P. Vishwanath, Secretary, VVS and Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, VVS, will be the guests of honour. General Chairs of the conference, Dr. B Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal, Dr. G.B. Krishnappa, Dean, R&D ,VVCE, Dr. M.R. Pooja, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, VVCE and Programme Chair for AICDMB-2025, Dr. Ramakrishna Hegde, Professor, Department of CSE, JSS STU, Mysuru and Programme Co-Chair for AICDMB-2025 and also Treasurer for IEEE Mysore Sub Section, staff and students of VVCE will be present.

Dr. C. Chandra Sekhar and Dr. A.D. Dileep will be the keynote speakers on June 27. Dr. R. Venkatesh Babu, Professor and Chair, Department of Computational and Data Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Anish Kumar, AI Software Engineering Leader, Intel will be the plenary speakers on June 28.

Research Scholars and Faculty members from various parts of the country will present papers under various tracks including Data Science, Machine Learning and Blockchain Technology during the conference.

Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama celebrates International Day of Yoga

Mysuru, June 25- Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama, Vijayanagar II Stage, Mysuru, celebrated International Day of Yoga on June 21 with enthusiasm and reverence, reflecting the school's ongoing commitment to integrating yoga into everyday learning. As part of the school's curriculum from Pre-KG to Grade 12, yoga has long been a pillar of holistic education at the institution.

The celebration began in the morning with a calm and focused atmosphere as students from Grades 1 to 12 and teachers gathered on the school grounds. The event was marked by a yoga display by students from Grades 3 to 8, who demonstrated a variety of asanas and a well-coordinated Suryanamaskar sequence.

The session served as a reminder of the physical, mental and emotional benefits of regular yoga practice. It reinforced the school's vision of nurturing mindful, healthy and resilient individuals through traditional practices rooted in Indian culture.

"At Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama, yoga is not just an event — it is a way of life embraced by every student from the earliest years of learning," said Harshida Harikumar, Principal, Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama.

Sainik Academy Mysuru fetes Agniveers

Mysuru, June 25- Sainik Academy Mysuru at Belavadi here accorded a grand welcome with garlands and a shower of flowers to the Agniveers, who returned to their hometown, after completing their military training.

T.V. Manjunath from Kodagu and Kanmani Naveen Kumar from Kolar — who were selected for the Indian Air Force (IAF), after receiving training at the Sainik Academy, were also honoured on the occasion. Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency's BJP President Pailwan Ravi, General Secretaries Raghu, Revanna, Kumar, former Commando and Sainik Academy Founder C.M. Sridhar, Co-founder Anita Sridhar, faculty members S.S. Ravi, Sunitha, Namratha, Varsha, Srilakshmi and Chetan, ex-serviceman Shashikiran, soldier Harish and others were present.

CRICKET TALK

By V.N. Prasad

Ben Stokes' boys stroke their way to take 1-0 lead at Leeds

Unfathomable by any stretch of imagination — a team with 5 centuries in a Test, losing the contest eventually. Both innings put together, our boys lost 13 wickets for just 70 odd runs. They dropped 6 vital catches.

Bowling in the 2nd innings was pretty thoughtless and pedestrian. Instead of carrying the huge psychological advantage, they surrendered meekly to the utter disgust of cricket lovers across board. Were we poised well to post 600-plus in the 1st innings!!

It all started with poor team selection. Ravindra Jadeja has indeed added value as a spinner. But was never the front-line spinner. Benching Kuldeep Yadav cost us dearly. Karun Nair looked a novice (BCCI literally killed his career showing him the door after a triple hundred 7-8 years ago against the English at home). On the hind sight, Nitish Kumar Reddy would have been a better choice, as an all-rounder.

Yes, they took wickets no doubt. But, frankly Prasidh Krishna and Shardul Thakur were wayward, leaking runs all over. I pity young Sai Sudarshan for his absolute lack of maturity in his exuberance to flick the ball off his toes. His dismissal in both the innings looked an eyesore. Young Jaiswal did a huge favour to the Englishmen dropping vital catches.

Anyway, all accolades to Ben Stokes and Co., on pulling off a magnificent and improbable victory in the second highest chase after 1948 at the Leeds in cricket history. Ollie Pope has a duty to visit the Vatican to thank the Pope for his blessings en route to his hundred in the 1st innings. I pity young Harry Brook in missing out on a well-deserved hundred (if only he had timed the hook a little better on the nervous 99). It was a blistering knock. A brilliant ton by Ben Ducket and a silken 50 by Joe Root were a treat to watch.

Not the first and surely not the last. Proverbially, the game of cricket is glorious for its uncertainties. We do hope and pray that Team India will use the much-needed common sense in picking the right combination for the remaining Tests and does what Alcaraz did in the French Open recently. In that endeavour, it would do well for BCCI to immediately put Shreyas Iyer on the plane and blood him in.

Come on Team India, not the end of the world. You can stage a comeback.

Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Day

Mysuru, June 25- Vijayanagar Football Academy celebrated Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Grassroots Day, a global initiative to promote grassroots football development, at its premises, here recently.

The event was marked by a gathering of over 100 children and adults. The event aimed to promote the development of grassroots football in the region, with a focus on providing opportunities for young players to develop their skills and passion for the sport. The Academy organised a series of activities, including coaching sessions, games and interactions with experienced coaches. AFC Grassroots Day is an annual event that brings together football communities around the world to celebrate the sport and promote its development at grassroots level.

WORD OF THE DAY

Noisome

Pronunciation: NOY-sum (adjective)
Meaning: Noisome is a formal and literary word used to describe things that are very unpleasant or disgusting; It can also mean "highly obnoxious or objectionable" as in "we were put off by their noisome habits."
Origin: Noisome looks and sounds like a close relation of noisy, but it's not. While noisy describes what is excessively loud, noisome typically describes what is excessively stinky. It comes from the synonymous Middle English noysome, which combines the suffix -some, meaning "characterized by a specified thing," and noun noy, meaning "annoyance." Noisy comes ultimately from Latin nausea, meaning "nausea."
Example: "During the 14th century, bubonic plague outbreak that came to be known as the Black Death claimed thousands of victims, condemning them to a rapid and painful end. As the sufferers deteriorated, the disease tainted them with a tell-tale, repellent stench, which seemed to confirm smell as the root cause of the illness. ...Noisome dwellings were set right by fumigation, while rooms were doused with strong-smelling substances like vinegar and turpentine — anything to keep at bay dreaded miasma." —Ashley Ward, Where We Meet the World: The Story of Senses, 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Agathokakological

Composed of both good and evil.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

It ain't over till the fat lady sings

Meaning: This phrase means that the final outcome of an event cannot be predicted until it has come to a conclusion. It is usually used when the event is coming to a conclusion, and it cautions against assuming that what is currently happening is the definite outcome. The imagery refers to the stereotype of an overweight soprano in an opera. Wagner's opera Der Ring des Nibelugen's last part depicts an overweight opera singer whose twenty minute piece leads to the end of the opera.
Origin: The first known use in media appeared in Dallas Morning News on March 10, 1976: Despite his obvious allegiance to Red Raiders, Texas Tech sports information director Ralph Carpenter was the picture of professional objectivity when the Aggies rallied for a 72–72 tie late in the SWC tournament finals. "Hey, Ralph," said Bill Morgan, "this... is going to be a tight one after all." "Right", said Ralph, "the opera ain't over until the fat lady sings.
Example: "We're losing the game, but I'm not giving up. It ain't over till the fat lady sings."

QUOTE BOX

A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know. **—Diane Arbus**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Snow drops.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Fifth note of the scale
4 Chest muscles
8 Stretch of time
12 Poetically contracted form of "earlier"
13 King of Israel (BC 877-876)
14 Belgium buck
15 Slaughterhouse
17 Epochs
18 Trials or examinations
19 Come up
20 Michael of English football
22 Iliad, Mahabharat, et al. ?
24 Genus of mosquitoes - "a seed" anagram?
26 Up to now
27 Erie mule of song
30 Brine-cured
32 Beginner or learner
34 Attempt
35 Consume
37 Forays
38 Goodbye, monsieur
40 "Seep" anagram for a famous German admiral
41 Obscure, confused
44 _ ___ of tongue : inadvertent mistake in speaking? (1,4)
46 Extent of a surface
47 Scantily
50 Scare away
51 Company symbol
52 Female ruff
53 Transportation allowance
54 British gun
55 Man-child

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

U	S	I	S	■	A	G	E	■	P	A	R	A
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K	E	E	P	S	■	S	M	E	L	L	■	■
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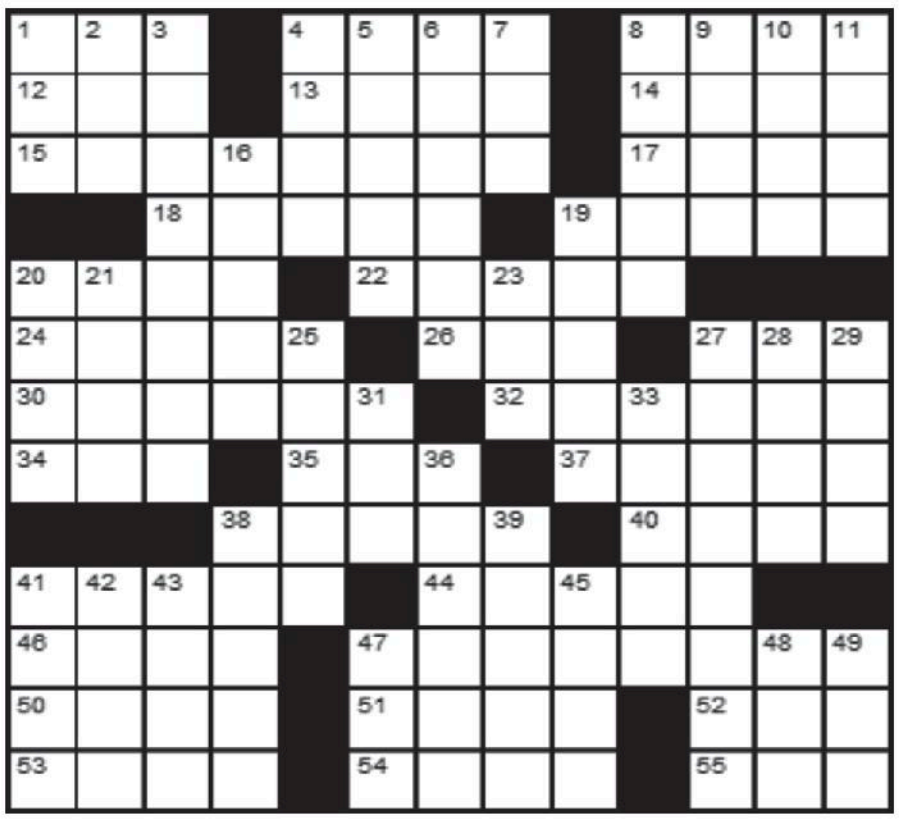
DOWN
1 Body of water
2 A globe or sphere
3 Angrily, being warm?
4 Sinks the 8 ball?
5 Ham it up
6 Tender and brittle
7 Teacher's title?
8 Oracles
9 Odisha city
10 The first king of Phliasia
11 Schnozzle
16 Credo or dogma
19 Thespian
20 Drying kiln
21 Be dressed in
23 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
25 Rather disreputable
27 Ship captains
28 Assistant
29 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
31 Death from accidental injuries, abbr.
33 Fertile place in a desert region
36 From which to pour your afternoon refresher ?
38 Large marble
39 Custom; practice
41 Quick
42 A killer whale
43 Mechanical appliance or dress
45 Author Hubbard (1,3)
47 Satellite Landing Sys.
48 Zodiac sign
49 Longing, desire



SUDOKU

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	9		8					
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				6	4		3	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	5	8	6	1	4	9	7
9	8	1	7	4	3	5	2	6
6	7	4	5	2	9	3	1	8
7	6	8	3	9	5	1	4	2
1	4	3	6	8	2	7	5	9
2	5	9	1	7	4	6	8	3
8	1	2	4	3	6	9	7	5
4	3	7	9	5	8	2	6	1
5	9	6	2	1	7	8	3	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Q ZEMK WE WYD ZGTD QGL'W LDBDTTQMU -- GW'T

WYD TWSVGK ELDT WYQW LDDK WYD QKAGBD.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Aggressive fighting for the right is the greatest sport in the world.

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28 Years Later (E)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 7.55 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
DNA (Ta)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	(S-4)	2.20 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-1)	10.25 pm; (S-2) 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Elio (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 1.45 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Vyasanasametham Bandhumithra (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35, 6.40, 9.45 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	4.45 pm, 8.30 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.35 pm
Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana (K)	:	11 am
Maadeva (K)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Kalave Mosagara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	4 pm
8 Vasantalu (Te)	:	5.05 pm

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Kuberaa (Te)	:	9.20 am, 1 pm, 6.20 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.55 pm, 8 pm
28 Years Later (E)	:	10.05 am, 12.20 pm, 7.25 pm
8 Vasantalu (Te)	:	11.40 am
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	11.55 am
Materialists (E)	:	12.40 pm
Housefull 5 (H)	:	3 pm
From The World of John Wick: Ballerina (E)	:	4.40 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	5.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	6.55 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
DNA (Ta)	:	10 pm

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Kuberaa (Te)	:	9.40 am, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 6.50 pm
28 Years Later (E)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	10 am, 7.55 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.10 pm 7 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1.15 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm
Deadly Lover (K)	:	4 pm

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Elio (E-3D)	:	9.30 am
Elio (E-2D)	:	2.20 pm, 8.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 4.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	11.45 am, 6.30 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	2.50 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	11.40 am
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	3.25 pm
Vyasana Sametham Bandhu Mithradhikal (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Elio (E-2D)	:	9.40 am
Elio (E-3D)	:	2 pm, 7.55 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 6.20 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	11.20 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Black Sheep (K)	:	11.55 am
Maadeva (K)	:	2.35 pm
Deadly Lover (K)	:	5.25 pm
Ronth (Ma)	:	7.40 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Vidu. Shrimathi Devi presents Hindustani Vocal Concert

Vidu. Shrimathi Devi presenting a Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar, on June 22 under the aegis of Gayana Sabha, Mysuru. She is accompanied by Tejas Katoti on harmonium and Sumit Naik on tabla.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 25)

- **Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre:** Sadbhava - A National Movement, senior Gandhian Saroja Tulasidas inaugurates, Karnataka State Scouts and Guides Commissioner PGR Sindhia, senior Gandhian Vijaya Prathap (Delhi) and Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) National Working President Rakesh Veda (Lucknow) will release Movement's Kannada, Hindi and English posters respectively, actor-activist Prakash Raj chief guest, Theatre Director Prasanna renders Sadbhava Geete, Mysuru City Reception Committee President Sabiha Bhoomigowda welcomes; Staging of play 'Pappigondu Pappi,' directed by Prasanna, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 26)

- **Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage:** Monthly Special Lecture Series, Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Professor, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology & Museology, Maharaja's College, delivers lecture on 'Hoysala Shilpakaleya Vishleshane mattu Bahu Ayaamada Vidhana,' Office of the Commissioner, Department of Archaeology Museums and Heritage, Exhibition Grounds, **10 am.** [Ph: 0821-2424671]
- **Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Ambuja Cement, Adani Cement and ACC:** Workshop 'Neev Abhiyan,' Adani Cements - Karnataka & Goa Regional Technical Service Manager Er. Hitesh Prasad Resource Person; NIE President Dr. M.S. Ranganath chief patron, NIE Hon. Secretary S.B. Udayshankar, Principal Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Vice-Principal Dr. K.C. Manjunath and Head of the Department Dr. N.C. Balaji patrons; Asst. Professor H. Hema and Associate Professor Dr. Punith B. Kotagi conveners, CRC Seminar Hall, NIE premises, **10 am to 4.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-4004903]
- **Basava Marga Foundation:** International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, street play, Kukkarahalli Government School, **10.30 am;** Awareness Rally in the main thoroughfares of Kukkarahalli, **11.30 am;** Stage programme, Karnataka State Temperance Board Secretary N.S. Mahesh chief guest, Basava Marga Foundation Rehabilitation and De-addiction Centre President S. Basavaraju presides, Kukkarahalli Govt. High School HM Chandru will be present, Kukkarahalli Government School, **12.30 pm.**
- **Impressionz:** Exhibition by Vaishnavi Silks and Fuschia by Ritu Mehrotra (an exclusive handcrafted jewellery brand), Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Pathi Foundation:** Musical Evening of songs from films starring Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Srinath, Shankar Nag and Ananth Nag, distribution of financial aid to visually impaired children and felicitation to SSLC and PUC toppers, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) President M. Narasimhalu, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MP Prathap Simha, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District President Nagaraj V. Bairy and others chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

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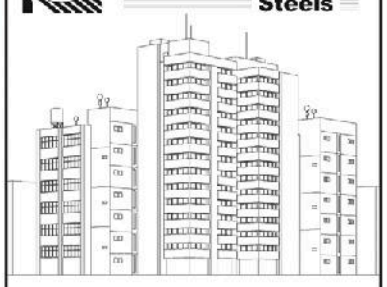

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